

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 2.0 ha. forest land under Section -2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction of Administrative Building and Residential Quarters of Arm Out Post at -Manerajaram, District-Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-2021/CR.16/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 15.10.2024**

Reference:-

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ NC /I /ID-12776/981/2020-21, dt. 05.01.2021.
2. Govt. of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2021/CR.16/F-10, dtd. 04.03.2021.
3. Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, Letter No. FC-1/MH-218/2021-NGP/13364, Dt.19.07.2024.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1/PID-19549/Gadchiroli/1174, dt. 12.08.2024.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.0 ha. forest land under Section -2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction of Administrative Building and Residential Quarters of Arm Out Post at -Tadgaon, Tal. Bharagad, District-Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 Guidelines-2023, Chapter 4 (para-4.1), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant 'In-Principle' approval to the diversion of 2.0 ha. forest land for construction of Administrative Building and Residential Quarters of Arm Out Post at -Manerajaram, District-Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No	Work Proposed	Name of Village	Comp No	Area (in Sqm.)	Legal Status
1.	Administrative Building	Manerajaram	596	773.13	RF
2.	Police Staff Quarter			1464	
3.	Officer's Quarter			224	

4.	Prefab Barrack			439.200	
5.	Mess Building			117.12	
6.	Morcha			224.49	
7.	Toilet Block			41.52	
8.	Bathroom Block			22.42	
9.	Open Space			16694.12	
	TOTAL			20000.00	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)				2.00	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The user agency shall submit the certificate of the Collector, Gadchiroli under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 along with the Stage-1 Compliance Report.
- 3) As per Central Government (MoEF&CC) guidelines a single proposal must be submitted for the entire project as per administrative approval and technical order, Therefore, Deputy Conservator of Forests will certify that the proposal is a standalone project.
- 4) The User Agency as well as DCF shall ensure that the present diversion shall not form a part of any future proposal & will remain as an individual proposal only.
- 5) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places as per the direction of the DCF concerned at the cost of User Agency.
- 6) (a) User Agency shall provide double degraded land for compensatory afforestation. Details of land proposed for Compensatory afforestation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted along with the Stage-1 Compliance Report.
(b) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

7) Net Present Value:-

- a) The Forest Department shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 2.00 ha. Forest land to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 & File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I), Dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on

receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

- 8) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivehs.nic.in>);
- 9) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 10) The User Agency shall defray the cost of removal of 403 trees in the proposed area. However, minimum number of trees will be felled. The trees so felled by the Forest Department accounted for separately in terms of exploration sale / disposal and the cost of falling shall be recovered from the user agency.
- 11) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
- 12) The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- 13) The user agency in consultation with the concerned Deputy Conservator of forest shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- 14) The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 2 ha. and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- 15) The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- 16) User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 17) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- 18) The User Agency shall ensure compliance to all acts, rules, regulations and guidelines of the Ministry for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
- 19) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of State Government (Forest Department).

- 20) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 21) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 22) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the State and Central Government.
- 23) This approval shall be valid only for the diversion of forest land outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 24) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the competent authorities for the project.
- 25) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 26) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the provision of Adhiniyam and rules / guidelines issued there under;
- 27) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 28) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 29) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e- portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202410151248443919. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
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4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
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7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Superintendent of Police, Gadchiroli.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamaragad Forest Division, Allapalli.
12. Select File (F-10)